

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OBSERVATION OF LONDON INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC STUDIES

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the observation by the London International Institute of Strategic Studies that Myanmar is close to key shipping lanes in the Indian Ocean and China is helping Myanmar to pursue its strategic interests to have a clear access to the Indian Ocean; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government constantly review all developments and take necessary measures to safeguard the nation's security. India is committed to developing friendly and good neighbourly relations with all its neighbours.